

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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38 CFR Part 3

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Eligibility of Disabled Veterans and Members of the Armed Forces with Severe Burn Injuries for Financial Assistance in the Purchase of an Automobile or Other Conveyance and Adaptive Equipment; Correction

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Proposed rule; correction.

SUMMARY: In a document published in the <u>Federal Register</u> on November 5, 2012 (77 FR 66419), the Department of Veterans Affairs amended its adjudication regulations regarding a certificate of eligibility for financial assistance in the purchase of an automobile or other conveyance and adaptive equipment. The document contained several grammatical errors in the preamble and regulatory text. This document corrects the errors and does not make any substantive change to the content of the proposed rule.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: VA published a proposed rule on November 5, 2012, implementing section 803 of Public Law 111-275, the Veterans' Benefits Act of 2010, that amended subsection 3901(1)(A) of title 38, United States Code (U.S.C.), by

reformatting the statute and adding "severe burn injury (as determined pursuant to

regulations prescribed by the Secretary)" as one of the disabilities that VA will consider

when making a determination of eligibility for financial assistance in the purchase of an

automobile or other conveyance and adaptive equipment. Pursuant to the authority

granted to the Secretary in 38 U.S.C. 501(a) and 3901(1)(A)(iv), VA proposes to amend

38 CFR 3.808 to define the term "severe burn injury." In the proposed amendment to

38 CFR 3.808, we redesignated current paragraph (b)(4) as (b)(5) and added a new

paragraph (b)(4) to define "severe burn injury," as one of the conditions that determines

entitlement for a certificate of eligibility for financial assistance in the purchase of an

automobile or other conveyance and adaptive equipment. We found that newly

proposed paragraph (b)(4) contained grammatical errors. This document corrects those

grammatical errors.

List of Subjects in 38 CFR part 3

Administrative practice and procedure, Claims, Disability benefits, Health care,

Pensions, Radioactive materials, Veterans, Vietnam.

Dated: November 19, 2012

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Department of Veterans Affairs.

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For the reasons set out in the preamble, VA proposes to correct 38 CFR part 3 as follows:

PART 3—ADJUDICATION

Subpart A—Pension, Compensation, and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation

1. The authority citation for part 3, subpart A continues to read as follows:

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501(a), unless otherwise noted.

2. Revise § 3.808, paragraph (b)(4) to read as follows:

§ 3.808 Automobiles or other conveyances and adaptive equipment; certification.

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(b) * * *

(4) Severe burn injury: Deep partial thickness or full thickness burns resulting in scar formation that cause contractures and limit motion of one or more extremities or the trunk and preclude effective operation of an automobile.

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